Implementation of these recommendations would involve changes in organisational structure, procedures, training, design, technology etc. Necessary instructions have been issued to the Agencies/Departments concerned to take sutiable action on the recommendations of the Committee. About 55 out of 84 recommendations have been implemented so far.

Upgradation of Weapons

614. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to develop weapons for snowy conditions;

(b) whether research is going on to develop weapon locating, hand held and battlefield surveillance radar equipped to function in high altitudes and snowy environment to thwart Kargil like intrusions; and

(c) the time by which suitable solutions to mitigate the hardships of army would be possible?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Most of the weapons are developed with capability for use in various climatic environments including snowy conditions.

(b) It is not technologically feasible to develop a radar having all the three features namely "hand held', "weapon locating' and "battlefield surveillance'. However, the technology for weapon locating radar (WLR) has already been established. A project for development of state-of-the-art Battlefield Surveillance Radar (BFSR) has also been undertaken. No research work has been undertaken for development of hand held radar.

(c) Indigenously developed WLR can be delivered to the users within three years from the date of placement of production order. BFSR will enter production phase after successful completion of user trials, which will commence by mid 2001. However, in the interim period it has been decided to import certain quantity of BFSR to meet the immediate requirements.

Pakistani Build up Across LoC

615. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the security agencies were determining the exact intent behind the Pakistani build up across the line of control;

(b) whether an in-house study had recommended that the Indian Air Force should go in for Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAVs) and sophisticated equipment for high-altitude warfare; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Certain readjustments and reinforcements by Pakistan on the Line of Control and Sir Creek area have been reported. Some Pakistani reserve formations have also been moved from their permanent locations but have not been deployed near the border as yet. The situation continues to be under constant watch.

Decisions regarding acquisition of any equipment are taken after due analysis of various relevant details. The same holds good for the item referred to in the Question.

Plan to Cut off Strategically Important Lifelines in Border Areas

616. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ISI in association with other outlawed organisations is getting ready to cut off strategically important lifelines in the border areas of the country to wage another serious Kargil type war; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the developments in regard to the activities of the concerned terrorist organisations and their supporters and sponsors. All appropriate steps to meet any eventuality continue to be taken.

Air Surveillance System for IAF

617. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay in decision making in Defence Services resulted in making available to Air Force of SIGNIT air surveillance system to Air Force in 1999 whereas it was considered vital way back in 1990;